

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

New National Stage Entry Appln. of PCT/FR2003/002555

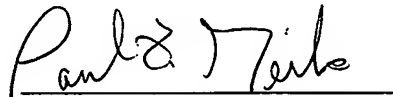
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 presently are pending in this application.

The foregoing amendments are made in order to make editorial changes and to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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